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JINNAH'S RETORT TO WAVELL AND CHURCHILL

Flagrant Abuse Of Word "Co-operation"

'Voluntary Liquidation Of British Empire More Honourable'

KARACHI, December 24.

"If you want to come to terms with us, we are always ready and willing to come to terms with the British Government or the Hindus on honourable terms and no other terms," said Mr. M. A. Jinnah in his speech before the 31st session of the All-India Muslim League.

Retort To Churchill

Mr. Jinnah said: "Mr. Churchill said that he would not preside over His Majesty's Government to liquidate the British Empire. I would say voluntary liquidation is more honourable than a compulsory one. It will redound to the honour of the British nation and it will be recognised by us as an act of friendship which has got its value and price for the future. But compulsory liquidation will have none of those advantages—and the British Empire will have to be liquidated one day."

VICIOUS PROPAGANDA

Mr. Jinnah denied the charge that the Muslim League was indifferent to the goal of Indian Independence. Let me tell you from this platform that this is a vicious wicked propaganda against the League.'

Committee Of Action

A Committee of Action consisting of not less than five and not more than seven members and with a proper secretariat to organise, co-ordinate and unify the activities of the All-India Muslim League was suggested by Mr. Jinnah in his speech.

It will be the duty of this Committee to examine the various suggestions received for the uplift of the Muslims. He appealed for funds to carry on the activities of the League. He said he had appealed nearly two years ago for a sum of Rs. ten lakhs but so far he had received only Rs. 5,50,000. With that money at their disposal they could make a beginning.

Secondly, Mr. Jinnah suggested the setting up of an All-India Parliamentary Board—a supreme body to supervise the elections and settle disputes regarding elections.

"REMARKABLE PROGRESS"

Speaking in a clear voice in pin drop silence, Mr. Jinnah declared: "As I have repeatedly said, any call that comes from you is an opportunity for service, I shall serve with my heart and soul. I shall not falter nor hesitate but obey. Since we undertook the revival and the revitalising of the Muslim League, it is now seven years. These have been strenuous years. During these seven years we have made remarkable progress and it is admitted by our friends, and even by our opponents to-day. We have shown not merely to India but to the world and we have fully established that we are a nation.

Raising his voice, Mr. Jinnah said: "We shall never rest content until we seize the territories that belong to us and rule over them."

Mr. Jinnah continuing said let me tell you that the struggle is a hard and long one and it requires special patience. It requires of every one of you—and now I specially address the youth—patience, hard work and steady progress in building the great nation to which we belong. Every step has to be considered from various points of view. You will admit that so far we have met every manoeuvre, every machination, every movement, every scheme and every design to break us, with success every time (cheers).

SLACKENING OF OPPOSITION

"We have survived the opposition which first came from the Government and bureaucracy when we undertook reorganisation of the Muslim League. For reasons of their own, that opposition was slackened. Then came a terrific onslaught from the Congress—mass contact and challenges and when the Congress ministries were formed the Muslim League was told and ordered to liquidate itself. Elections and bye-elections—Congress, Jamiats, Ulemas, Ahrars, Azad Conference, Momins. Every effort made to destroy the Muslim League, to cause disruption among the Muslims rebounded upon them as a boomerang. The Muslim League now is a true force. Even to-day we are not left in peace."

FREEDOM FOR ALL

Mr. Jinnah asserted that Pakistan meant freedom for Hindus also because without freedom to the Hindus there could be no Pakistan. It cannot be freedom for one and slavery for another.

"SHEER BLINDNESS"

Mr. Jinnah said that in the political situation, the only new thing that had happened was Lord Wavell's appeal for co-operation at Calcutta. Mr. Amery too had made it clear that the principles of the Atlantic Charter were made applicable to India 18 months before the Atlantic Ocean produced the Atlantic Charter (laughter). Lord Wavell like a soldier Viceroy had spoken in plain language in that respect, he has made a great contribution to the political problems of India. He is no more embarrassed by his mental bag which he found it necessary to jettison in the Mediterranean before he crossed the Suez Canal. (Laughter)

Having put the political issue into cold storage indefinitely, Lord Wavell had said that he was concentrating on winning the war. "It is really astonishing that he, representing the Crown and speaking with responsibility and seriousness, thinks that he can win this war while he is totally indifferent to the political situation. What happened when the Lebanon question came? What happened when the Syria question came? Were all these political adjustments made merely from the humanitarian point of view or the political point of view? What happened when differences took place at Algiers with the French? It is astonishing, it is sheer blindness to say that 'my job is to win the war only.' With all humility, I say to the British Government you have got to get the wholehearted enthusiastic support of some party in this country, if not all.

Referring to Lord Wavell's speech at Calcutta, Mr. Jinnah said a soldier like Viceroy has spoken in plain language so that even a man in the street can understand.

It is really astonishing that the Representative of the Crown speaking with all seriousness and responsibility can think that he can win this war while he is totally indifferent to the political situation

The British Government have got to get the wholehearted and enthusiastic support of some party in this country if not all.

Every party is kept at arms' length, discontented and dissatisfied.

NO CAMP FOLLOWERS

Referring to the Viceroy's appeal for co-operation Mr. Jinnah said it was really a flagrant abuse of the English word "Co-operation." What does co-operation mean in plain English? Without giving any real share or authority in the Government, we are asked to do the work of camp followers, menials and subservients and we expect no self-respecting organisation to accept that position.

"DIVIDE AND QUIT"

Mr. Jinnah said: "We are now impressing upon British statesmen that the only honest way for Great Britain is to divide and quit." Mr. Jinnah recalled the speech of John Bright in the House of Commons during the India Bill Debate in 1858 dwelling on the difficulties of ruling a country of such vast complexities and differences of race and religion.

WHOSE INDEPENDENCE

Mr. Jinnah asserted that the Hindus were responsible for holding up the progress of the country.

He asked: "Can we Mussalmans of India accept Akhand Hindusthan, Hindu Raj over the entire sub-continent? (no). Is it possible to expect Muslim India to agree to Akhand Hindustan and Hindu Raj on the continent (cries of 'No. No'). This is their proposal. They have not given up their dream. On the other hand they talk of independence. "Whose independence." Asked Mr. Jinnah. "I have repeatedly warned you that when they talk of independence, they mean independence of India and slavery of Muslim India (shame). Can you achieve Pakistan without independence of India? When we say Pakistan, we mean not our independence only but independence of Hindus also. (Cheers) If the Hindus owing to their obsession, or dream or cussedness put obstruction in the freedom of both and insist upon the freedom of one and the slavery of the other, I ask you who are responsible for holding up the progress of the country except the Hindus?"

CONGRESS "DEAL" FOR LEAGUE ALSO?

The British Government are pursuing a definite policy. They do not want co-operation from any party. The Congress has decided to non-co-operate and has resorted to mass civil disobedience. The Congress has been outlawed. What has the rest of India done? We have offered our hand of co-operation for the job of winning the war provided it is accepted as that of a confident friend with a share and authority in the Government and that a definite promise is given that we shall reap our share in the fruit of victory when we win it. That has been rejected. And yet our organisation is being treated like the Congress organisation which represents no doubt a solid body of Hindus. Both the organisations the Congress and the Muslim League are treated alike. If they would like to outlaw the Muslim League We are quite ready for it. (Cheers).

But why do you bracket these organisations together? It is not honest. I am of the opinion that this policy that is pursued by the British Government is going to prove disastrous.

Referring to the Congress, Mr. Jinnah said that after their threats of mass contact, etc., had failed, their methods have changed. Their methods now are subtle, insidious and intended to play underground and undermine.

FLING AT COMMUNISTS

I see no change except a parrotlike cry. The cleverest party that is carrying on propaganda are Communists they have so many flags—The Red Flag, the Soviet Flag, the Congress Flag and now they have been good enough to introduce the League Flag also. They shout that they want Congress-League settlement. Who says no? But the question is on what basis.

Mr. Jinnah went over to the history of the August Resolution of the Congress and said that from Mr. Gandhi's letter of 19th January, 1943, to Lord Linlithgow, it was clear that he stuck to his guns namely the August Resolution. It was a definite and deliberate attempt to bypass the Muslim League and force the hands of the British Government to surrender to the Hindus.

Has there been any change since January 1943, asked Mr. Jinnah. Millions of Congressmen are outside the jails. Now, they are contemplating a form of government based on the culture and on the system prevailing in the historic period of Vikramaditya. How then could any fair-minded person expect the Muslims to accept that position

After Mr. Jinnah had concluded his speech, Nawab Bahadur Yar Jung translated Mr. Jinnah's speech in Urdu.

The session adjourned at 1-30 a. m. to meet again at 9 p. m. to-night.—

Open Session

KARACHI, Dec. 23.

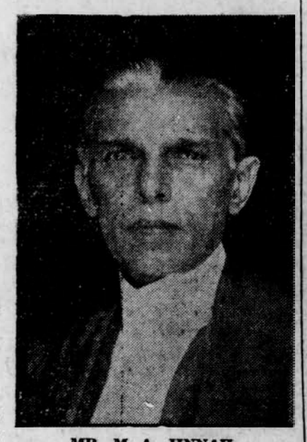
The 31st session of the All-India Muslim League commenced here tonight amidst scenes of great enthusiasm. A large number of delegates and 50,000 visitors were present at the start. The spacious pandal was brilliantly illuminated.

On the dais, were seated the leading personalities in the Muslim League, including three League Premiers, namely, Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah, Malik Khizar Hayat Khan Tiwana and Sardar Aurangzeb Khan.

Mr Jinnah was given a tremendous ovation when he entered the pandal through the special gate over which was an inscription reading "Pakistan Parliament."

Before proceedings commenced an Arabic scholar gave a recitation from the "Quoran" and a bard sang Dr Iqbal's famous song.

After this Mr. G. M. Syed, Chairman of the Reception Committee read his address.—A. P.



MR. M. A. JINNAH.

MR. SYED'S THREE-FOLD PROGRAMME OF UNITY

Urges More Sacrifices On Hind Muslims' Part To Further Cause Of Pakistan

KARACHI, Dec. 24.

A call to non-Muslim countrymen specially to join the Sindhis and help them to free the land and make it independent was made by Mr. G. M. Syed, M.L.A. (Sind), Chairman of the Reception Committee of the 31st session of the All-India Muslim League welcoming the delegates to the session.

Stressing the important part that Sind could play in bringing about a synthesis between the divergent political, economic and religious theories, Mr. Syed thought if America and Russia could endeavour to bring a new world order, "there can be no wonder if Malik Khizr Hayat Khan and Sir Chhoturam could join and submit the message and set an example."

In order to prepare the nation to reach its desired goal, the following three things are necessary: (1) To organise the dispersed and disorderly elements in the nation and create unity of action. (2) To improve the economic condition of the land and make it self-sufficient. (3) To build the future political programme on equality and fraternity that Islam enunciated.

Up-till-now the Muslim League has been endeavouring to unite Millat on the theory of independent sovereign state of Sindhu Nation. By the grace of God, by now, Muslims are united on that issue. Now the nation has *reached the stage when steps for action have become necessary. This will be the beginning of the new phase in the political history of Millat.*

RUSSIANS TAKE KHERSON?

Battle For Vitebsk Continues

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.

It is strongly rumoured here that the Russians have taken Kherson on the estuary of the Dnieper.

The Germans have launched eight successive counter-attacks during the last 24 hours in an attempt to hold up Russian progress towards Vitebsk They achieved no results. The battle has been resumed since early yesterday morning along the Vitebsk highway, and the Russians have captured several more villages. Elsewhere on the Vitebsk front, the Germans counter-attacked at a number of places in order to improve their positions. But these attacks, all failed says the "Red Star", and the Germans were attacked by Red Army forces immediately after their counter-attacks had been repelled. Southwest of Zhlobin, the German Command is displaying great determination to achieve its objective. The latest reports to the "Red Star" state that all German attacks were warded off, though some of these were made with locally much superior forces

GERMANS CAUGHT NAPPING

The supplement to the Soviet 'communique' stated that south of Nevel, Soviet units captured favourable positions by a sudden blow in one sector. The Germans were "caught napping and beat a hasty retreat, abandoning all their equipment."

GORODOK CAPTURED

MOSCOW, Dec. 24: Marshal Stalin announced that Gorodok has been captured by storm. Stalin's order of the day tonight addressed to Army General Bagramyan reads: "Troops of the first Baltic front developing their swift offensive today December 24th carried by assault the town and railway station of Gorodok an important strongpoint of German defences in the Vitebsk direction."—Reuter.

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Women As Soldiers Of Pakistan

KARACHI, Dec. 24.

The Women's Sub-Committee of the All-India Muslim League held a meeting this morning to draw up a programme for the upliftment of Muslim women, and a committee was appointed to tour the provinces, in order to propagate this programme and arouse consciousness among the Muslim women.

Four resolutions have been drafted for the open session of the committee to-morrow, three of which relate to the programme.

The first resolution enjoins the Muslim women not to have anything to do with any other women's political organisation and to abide by the principle that the Muslims form a separate nation. The formation of Women National Guards in all provinces and the establishment of food depots in cities and towns for the facilities of Muslim women and industrial homes for the poor and orphanages and destitutes homes are advocated in other resolutions.

The committee which will tour the province consists of following members: Lady Haroon, Begum Izaz Rasul and Begum Isa.

Mr. Jinnah this morning inspected Sind Women National Guards. Mrs. Yusuf Haroon, Chief Salar, introduced the office-bearers and smartly dressed guards to him.

Addressing them Mr. Jinnah said: "You have a big task ahead of you, and you should prepare yourselves for that task of taking part as 'soldiers' of Pakistan." He hoped that similar organisations would be established in other provinces as well.

Ulemas' Confidence In Jinnah

KARACHI, Dec. 24.

Full confidence in the leadership of Qaid-i-Azam M. A. Jinnah was expressed by the Ulemas Conference which accepted the principle of Pakistan and assured Mr. Jinnah that they would be prepared to make any sacrifice to achieve that object.

The conference which was held in the League Subjects Committee Pandal was presided over by the Pir of Bharchundi and attended by Ulemas from all over India with their body guards and retinues.

Addressing the Conference Pir of Bharchundi urged for unity among all sections of Muslims so as to take collective action for achieving the goal of the Muslim Nation. He appealed to the audience to rally round the League banner and strengthen that body which was the true representative of nine crores of Muslims.

By another resolution it urged the League to take legal steps to proscribe and ban "Satyarth Parkash", chapters 13 and 14 of which, it was held attacked Islam.—A. P.

STOP PRESS

U. S. RAILWAY STRIKE TO BE CALLED OFF

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24: The Presidents of two operating railway brotherhoods decided to-day to call off the strike scheduled for December 30 The Presidents of these Unions said that they were acting in view of President Roosevelt's proposal to arbitrate the whole wage dispute involving both operating and non-operating brotherhoods.—Reuter.

R. A. F. Bomb Berlin

Canadian Built Mosquitos In Action

LONDON, Dec. 24: It is officially announced that the R.A.F. made a heavy attack on Berlin last night. Seventeen planes are missing.

The German News Agency says Berlin was raided this morning.

For the seventh time in just over a month, R.A.F. bombers again struck at Berlin last night. The new tactics in timing which are adapted to weather conditions, resulted in the raid taking place in the early hours of this morning. Most of the previous raids took place during the evening, but the long winter nights now give the R.A.F. a much wider choice of timing. An indication that the raid was a heavy one has been given by the German News Agency.

It is now disclosed that Canadian built Mosquitos with Packard built Merlin engines, flight delivered across the Atlantic, have been in action in Europe during December, writes Reuter's air correspondent. On their first sortie, Berlin was the target.

Pope's Christmas Broadcast

LONDON, Dec. 24.

The Vatican radio today broadcast a message to the world by His Holiness the Pope.

The Pope said "once more the Christian family is celebrating Christmas in an atmosphere of horror and hate. Unfortunately, as we look around, we find that the day has brought greater strife and destruction. This is a war that goes on without pause. The bloodiest pages of history pale before the horrors of today.

In the midst of this darkness, however, the Star of Bethlehem shines bright. Only Christ can turn away the spirit of horror that has descended upon humanity. Those who put religious ideals aside forget that Christ will see their material hopes crumble. But you have hope that arises from your faith A grave future looms ahead of each of us. All our efforts cannot stop this horrible war at our will and at a given moment. We shall as we have always done, do everything in our power to help all sufferers of all nations.—Reuter.

GOEBBELS ON HITLER'S GREETINGS TO GERMANS

BERLIN, Dec. 24: The Reich Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels in his Christmas eve speech to the German people as given by German News Agency said: "In peace time, Christmas was a festival of the family, now at the climax of the war, it has become for millions of Germans a festival of the separated.

We have lost something in this war but we have also gained something. While we have become poorer in outward things wealth has increased.

Concluding, Goebbels gave Hitler's greetings to the German people and said: "Just as he is today in spirit with his people, so his people are with him. We send him our greetings, our thanks and our pledge.—Reuter.

U. S. SUBMARINE LOST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24

A Navy department 'communique' states that the United States submarine "Grayling" is overdue and must be presumed lost. The "Grayling" was commissioned on January 3, 1941 and had a displacement of 1,475 tons she is the 16th United States submarine to be lost in the war—Reuter.

MAXIMUM PRICES OF PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24

The Government of India, under powers granted to it by Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Ordinance have fixed maximum prices of photographic material namely roll films, film packs, plates, sheet films, gaslight and bromide papers and photographic chemicals. Maximum prices of various brands of cigarettes have also been fixed.—A. P.

Mukerjee To Give New Lead To Mahasabha?

AMRITSAR SESSION TO DEMAND JAIL DELIVERY AND PLAN FOR ENDING POLITICAL DEADLOCK

(From Our Correspondent)

LAHORE, December, 24.

Will an attempt to change the Hindu Mahasabha policy of the Amritsar session be made? Has Dr. Shymaprasad Mukerjee been given a free hand by Mr. Savarkar to give trial to a progressive policy?

People connected with the Hindu Sabha feel that Mr. Savarkar has done well in not coming to the Punjab.

The Progressive group led by Dr. Mukerjee holds the view that the Mahasabha should devise an effective machinery for resolving the political deadlock.

A committee to explore ways and means to compel Government to abandon its policy of evasion and procrastination is being suggested in well-informed circles.

Release of political prisoners will be urged because according to them the longer the political prisoners are kept in confinement the greater will be the reactions against Government.

Nothing short of Dominion Status with all privileges defined in the statute of Westminster would satisfy India's thirst.

It is expected that the Amritsar session would clearly declare this immediate goal with the co-operation of those irrespective of religious or political creed who would love to see their country free and would be prepared to strive and suffer in the cause of India's freedom.

DELEGATES AND VISITORS POURING IN

AMRITSAR, Dec. 24: All preparations to hold the Silver Jubilee Session of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, at Tilak Nagar are now complete. Delegates and visitors are pouring in from all parts of India. Prominent among those who have arrived are Dr. Khaparde, ex-Minister, C.P., Rai Bahadur Kanwar Guru Narain, President of the Oudh Provincial Mahasabha, and Dr. Radhakumud Mukerjee of Lucknow, Maharaj Pratap Singh and others.

Rai Bahadur Kunwar Guru Narain in a press statement urges the release of Mahatma Gandhi and Congress leaders in order to enable them to revise their policy.—A. P.

"Sind Must Be Included Once Again In Bombay Presidency"

KARACHI, Dec. 22.

As a counterblast to the resolution to be brought before the Muslim League Session demanding the amalgamation of Baluchistan with Sind, Mr. Bhojraj Ajwani, Secretary of the Sind Provincial Hindu Sabha on behalf of the Sind delegation has sent a resolution to be moved at the Amritsar Session of the Hindu Mahasabha in which it is demanded that "as the experiment of separation has proved disastrous to the Hindus, Sind be included once again in the Bombay Presidency."

The Reception Committee of the Hindu Mahasabha annual session is understood to have sent an invitation to Mr. Nichaldas Wazirani, Leader of the Opposition in the Sind Assembly, and Mukhi Gobindram, M.L.A. to attend the Amritsar Session of the Sabha in order to place before it the Hindu Panchayat point of view regarding Sind affairs.

Mr. Nichaldas who was a Minister in the late Mr. Allahbux's Cabinet did not join the Mahasabha but launched a programme of consolidating Hindu opinion under the old system of Panchayats and mandals.—A. P.

Mahasabha Committee Meeting

AMRITSAR, Dec. 24.

A meeting of the Working Committee of the All India Hindu Mahasabha will be held in Amritsar to-morrow to formally elect Dr. Shyamprosad Mukherjee as President of the Silver Jubilee Session The Working Committee is also expected to consider certain disputes among the provincial committees of the Hindu Mahasabha.

Dr. Moonje, General Secretary of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha is arriving in Amritsar to-morrow morning.—A. P.

GOVT.'S 'KINDNESS' FOR KASTURBA

No Separation From Her Husband In Her Illness

NEW DELHI Dec. 24.

A Press Note says: Government have seen press comments on the continued detention of Mrs Gandhi in view od her present state of health. Her release would however involve separating her from her husband during her illness and since she can receive, and is receiving, every possible medical care and attention where she is and is not debarred from seeing her near relatives, Government have decided that there would be no kindness either to her or to her family in removing her from the Aga Khan's palace.—A. P

LEBANESE MISSION FOR CAIRO

CAIRO, Dec. 24: It is officially announced that a Lebanese mission to discuss Pan Arab Federation with the Egyptian Prime Minister Nahas Pasha leaves Beirut for Cairo early in January.—Reuter.

DOUBLE SHOOTING TRAGEDY AT CHURCHGATE

Sergeant Kills Woman And Then Commits Suicide

Mystery surrounds a double-shooting-tragedy which shook the whole of the Churchgate Station in the late hours of Friday evening. Enquiries reveal that one W. C. James, a military sergeant aged about 45 had shot dead a European woman (35) in the ladies' cloak-room of the station and then committed suicide by shooting himself.

Soon a crowd collected outside the cloak-room. The Railway police headed by Inspector Barefoot and Railway Police Superintendent Mr. U. H. Rana, promptly arrived on the scene. Opening the cloak-room door they found themselves confronted with the gruesome sight of a woman lying dead in a pool of blood on the floor with two bullet wounds in her chest. On her lay the deceased sergeant with a revolver in his hand, and a bullet-wound on his forehead. The walls of the cloak-room were stained with blood.

Six bullets were recovered by the police during their search of the room. A search of the person of the dead sergeant revealed cash to the tune of Rs. 200. All these together with a wrist watch and a ring found from the person of the woman were taken charge of by the Railway police. The dead bodies were dispatched to the Morgue.

An old woman supposed to be a relative of the deceased woman also seems to have been involved in the incident. How she happened to be there is not yet known. She, however, escaped with a slight injury on her arm and was rushed to the J. J. Hospital, where she is reported to have been progressing satisfactorily.

The cause of the tragedy is not known.

INDIAN TROOPS OCCUPY TWO MORE VILLAGES

Heavy Fighting In And Around Ortona: Several Enemy Supply Ships Sunk In Aegean Sea

ALLIED H. Q. N. AFRICA, Dec. 24. To-day's communique states: "Eighth Army troops have captured the village of Vezzani. Heavy fighting continues in and around Ortona. Our patrols were active along the entire 5th Army Front.

The village of Vezzani, the capture of which by the Eighth Army is reported in to-day's Allied 'communique' lies across the Ortona Orsogna lateral road about four miles inland from the coast. Vezzani is about the same distance South-West of Ortona and some two miles South-East of Tollo.

HAND TO HAND FIGHTING

Canadian troops in savage hand-to-hand fighting, are to-day clearing the Germans street by street out of their foxholes in shell torn Ortona, where the battle has reached its peak of intensity, says Reuter's Special Correspondent.

ATTACK ON RAILWAYS ALONG RIVIERA

"Marauders", medium bombers of the North-West African Air Force yesterday launched attacks against German controlled Railways along the Riviera at three places—Imperia, Ventimiglia, and Antheor. Hits were scored on bridges and yards at Imperia and Ventimiglia and on a viaduct at Antheor despite heavy flak.

ENEMY SUPPLY SHIPS SUNK

CAIRO, Dec. 24: A Middle East 'communique' to-day states: "Persistent attacks have been carried out against enemy shipping, in the Aegean Sea during these last two days and several small troop-carrying and supply ships have been sunk or left in a sinking condition.

CASONE, Dec. 24: Indian troops have made further progress in the Central Sector of the Eighth Army front, writes an Indian Army observer. Without committing themselves to a major engagement they occupied two more villages. Punjabis took Consalvi and troops from the home counties entered Salciaroli. Other infantrymen are pushing forward.—Reuter.

GEN. ZIVKOVITCH RESIGNATION NOT ACCEPTED

CAIRO, Dec. 24.—The Yugoslav Commander-in-Chief Gen. Zivkovitch has asked to be relieved of his post, but owing to the present situation his request has not yet been granted, said an official statement issued to-night by the Yugoslav Government here.

Gen. Zivkovitch was appointed Supreme Commander of the Yugoslav armed forces in August before which he was on the Reserve list.—Reuter.

Roosevelt On Teheran Decisions

HYDE PARK (New York) Dec. 24: President Roosevelt tonight announced the appointment of General Dwight Eisenhower to command the Anglo-American Second Front forces. A British officer will take over General Eisenhower's Mediterranean Command.

President Roosevelt said that he, Mr. Winston Churchill and Marshal Stalin agreed at Teheran "on every point concerned with the launching of a gigantic attack upon Germany."

General Karl Spaatz will command the entire American strategic bombing force operating against Germany.—Reuter.

LONDON, Dec. 24: It is officially announced that General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson has been appointed Supreme Allied Commander for the Mediterranean Theatre.

B. P. T. U. C. Session At Amalner

The General Secretary, Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress, writes:

The Bombay Provincial Trade Union Conference concluded its two days' session at Amalner (East Khandesh) on Monday last. Mr. S. S. Mirajkar, Chairman of the B. P. T. U. C., presided.

The Conference unanimously adopted as many as 24 important resolutions on such vital questions as the food problem, social security dearness allowance, bonus, housing, rationing, unemployment, payment of wages, industrial disputes, standardisation of wages, etc. Two resolutions on the political situation were moved one by the Communists and the other by the non-Communists. Both the resolutions were lost, as they failed to secure the three-fourths majority required under the constitution of the T. U. C.

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Mahaluxmi Races

BARODA WINS FIVE RACES

Ratifier Annexes Aga Khan's Cup

(From Our Racing Correspondent)
BOMBAY, Friday

Punters who flocked at Mahaluxmi to-day in the usual big numbers, fared badly till the midway stage but then onwards first choices gave them the breather and at the end of the day, they were definitely placed in better position than in the past weeks.

The Gaekwar of Baroda achieved smashing triumphs, winning five races including the chief event, the Aga Khan's Cup.

The Baroda-owned Ratifier defied the crushing impost in the Aga Khan's Cup. Britt, his pilot kept him in the rear until the straight and then when pressed upon, the Baroda candidate responded steadily and passing his seven rivals one by one, kept 3/4 of length from Fortunate Lad at the judge's end. The runner-up made desperate efforts to catch the winner over the last stretch. Tatter-Sol finished on resolutely and pipped down Night Sentry to the unremunerative fourth place on board. Carabas who led by lengths for a mile, broke down on entering the straight and had to be destroyed as he sustained a broken leg.

Jockey Britt was in great form and recorded four popular successes.

The following are the results:—

THE BELLASIS PLATE. Division II.—Distance 7 furlongs.
Mr J D Banatwalla's MOZAN 8-7 Chavan 1
Haji Rashid Fadhoos' MARS 9-0 Raut 2
Haji Rashid Fadhoos' KUMMER II 9-0 F Shah 3
Mr F Rubeque's NABHAN SAID 9-0 N Sihgn 4
Not run: P. Hachim, T. Majid, N. Duke, and Time Switch.
Won by: 2 1/2 lengths, head, neck.
Time: 1 minute 39 1/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 121. Places Rs. 37, Rs. 79 and Rs. 72.
Trainer: K H Irani.

THE BELLASIS PLATE. Division I.—Distance 7 furlongs.
Mr Jacob Heskel's SULAF HASSUN 9-0 Jones 1
Mr Rahiman's INTIDHAR AL SHABAB 9-0 Khade 2
Mr R B Murdoch's HALFAYA 8-7 Britt 3
Sir Shantidas Askuran's HUBB AL WATAN 8-11 Marrs 4
All ran.
Won by: 1/2 length, 1 length, 1/2 length.
Time: 1 minute 39 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 135. Places Rs. 117 Rs. 72 and Rs. 73.
Trainer: Somekh

THE MANJRI PLATE. Division III. Distance 7 furlongs.
Mr Osman Chotani's PURE EMERALD 8-5 B Khalil 1
Mr F H Mehta's BIG JOY 8-12 Guman Singh 2
Mr A H Wadia's SPRING SONG 8-0 H Singh 3
Mr C A Murad's BLUE WATER 8-8 Jagrupsingh 4
Not run: S. of Gujerat, Prince Dara, Highland Reel and Coastal Command.
Won by: 1/2 length, 3 lengths, 3 lengths.
Time: 1 minute 31 1/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 100. Places Rs. 35, Rs. 19 and Rs. 30.
Trainer: H Chotani.

THE KARACHI PLATE—Distance 6 furlongs.
Maharaja of Baroda's ROYAL WINDSOR 8-0 Britt 1
Mr G Dharamsey's PRINCESS BEST 8-11 Sibbritt 2
Maharani Chimnabai and Maharaja of Cooch Behar's COTE D'AZUR 9-1 Marrs 3
Mr Osman Chotani's POM POM II 7-11 Raffaele 4
Not run: Black Magic and Sapodil
Won by: 1 1-4 lengths, 1 1/4 lenghts, 2 lengths
Time: 1 minute 16 4/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 54. Places Rs. 23, Rs. 23 and Rs. 16.
Trainer: M C Patel.

THE ALHAMBRA PLATE. Division II.—Distance 7 furlongs.
Maharaja of Baroda's GUIDING STAR 8-9 N Dawood 1
Mr T G Essajee's KHAZANCHI 8-4 Evans 2
Prince of Berar's YISIR AL ARAB 8-0 Marrs 3
Mr Jacob Heskel's MANDUB AL GHARB 8-5 Jones 4
All ran.
Won by: Neck, 2 lengths, 1 length.
Time: 1 minute 37 2/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 57. Places Rs. 49, Rs. 41 and Rs. 40.
Trainer: M C Patel.

THE MANJRI PLATE. Division II. Distance 7 furlongs.
Maharaja of Baroda's SWEET DREAM 8-8 Britt 1*
Shri Akkasaehb Maharaj's DEVAS LUCK 8-7 T Burn 1*
Mr J H Sorabjee's NEELAM 8-7 Khade 3
Mr S J Bharucha's FIROUZE 8-9 Roberts 4
*Dead-heat.
Not run: Carlyon.
Won by: Dead-heat, 2 lengths, 1 length.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 21 and Rs. 33.
Places Rs. 23, Rs. 29 and Rs. 59.
Trainer: M C Patel.

THE AGA KHAN'S CUP.—Distance 1 1/2 miles.
Maharaja of Baroda's RATIFIER 9-7 Britt 1
Mrs. A L Hutson's FORTUNATE LAD 7-11 Sibbritt 2
Mr M D Petit's TATTER-SOL 8-2 Evans 3
Mr E P A Fernando's NIGHT SENTRY 8-7 Marrs 4
All ran.
Won by: 3/4 length, Short head, 1 length.
Time: 2 minutes 40 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 24. Places Rs. 15, Rs. 23 and Rs. 18.
Trainer: M C Patel

THE MANJRI PLATE. Diivsion I.—Distance 7 furlongs.
Maharaja of Parlakimedi's PHILANTHROPIST 9-0 B McQuade 1
Maharaja of Baroda's STAR OF SIROHI 8-7 West 2
Mrs. Mashal and Mr. Moshi's PEACE TREATY 8-10 Marrs 3
Mr J H Sorabjee's PESHAWAR EXPRESS 8-6 Khade 4
Not run: Pashwanji, Mohanmala, and Staraya Russa.
Won by: 1/2 length, 1 1/2 lengths, 1 1/2 lengths.
Time: 1 minute 31 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 37. Places Rs. 17, Rs. 50 and Rs. 23.
Trainer: Balfour.

THE ALHAMBRA PLATE. Division I.—Distance 7 furlongs.
Maharaja of Baroda's MACDONALD 8-5 Britt 1
Mr J D Banatwalla's ALA HONAK 8-8 B McQuade 2
Mr Sion F Nessim's MUHANNAD 7-11 Sibbritt 3
Mr N N Cohen's JUTLAND 7-9 Khade 4
Not run: Nirdosh and Khalaf Hamij
Tote paid: Win Rs. 23. Places Rs. 16, Rs. 24 and Rs. 26.
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Radhakrishnan Opens Music Conference In Madras

MADRAS, Dec. 23

"Music knows no politics. It stands for certain permanent values of life. When it is prostituted to serve ephemeral or irrelevant ends. It is not music. It is propaganda narrow, arid and hypocritical", observed Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Vice-Chancellor of the Benares Hindu University, declaring open last evening the Seventeenth Music Conference organised under the joint auspices of the Music Academy and the Indian Fine Arts Society, Madras Venugana Paladam Sanjiva Rao presided.

Referring to the welcome address which claimed to have no politics, Dr. Sir Radhakrishnan remarked that politics and economics were things which divided them, which made them concentrate on the goods of the world, goods which were diminished by sharing; but Philosophy and Religion, Art and Literature, were unifying agencies.—A. P.

All-India Music Congress

TO BE HELD IN CONNECTION WITH VIKRAMADITYA CELEBRATIONS

The Vikramaditya Celebrations Committee, consisting of well-known citizens of Bombay, has decided to celebrate the Bi-Millennium of Vikramaditya, whose 2000th Samvat vear has commenced. One of the functions in the programme of various celebrations is the holding of the Sessions of an "All-India Music Congress" from 27th January 1944 and five succeeding days, at the Convocation Hall, University Gardens, University of Bombay.

The object of the Committee in holding the Congress is cultural and aimed at furthering the noble art of music and other Fine Arts. The Congress aims at bringing together in Bombay, on one platform, the celebrated musical talents belonging to representative schools (Gharanas) of music in India.

Patrons, donors and season ticket-holders will be entitled to attend the Congress sessions and will get the best seats available in the Congress Hall in the order in which enrolment is sought for. The names of patrons and donors will be published in a Memorial Brochure of the Congress, containing, 'inter alia,' the proceedings of the All-India Music Congress.

Place of Enquiry:—(During office hours): Office of the Committee, No. 16, Yusuf Building, 1st floor, Churchgate Street, Fort, Bombay. Tel: No 32475. Gram: Mahotsava, and (Out of office hours): B. D. Trivedi Esq., Ekadashi Building, Parekh Street, Sandhurst Road, Bombay 4. Phone: 44454.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS of GURU GOVINDSINGH: The birth anniversary of Sree Guru Govindsinghji will be celebrated on Sunday at Gurudwara plot, Opposite Bazar Road 571 Bandra under the supervision of Shree Guru Singh Sabha Bandra.

The Kirtan Ceremonies will be performed by the well-known Ragee of Gujranwalla named Sardar Indersingh and Prof. Gurucharansingh. Leader will also deliver speeches.

Dr. Khare To Hold Haj Conference In Bombay

NEW DELHI, Dec. 22.

A three day conference will be held in Bombay by Dr. Khare, Indian Overseas Member to discuss problems connected with the Haj, particularly suggestions for improvement of amenities on board pilgrim ships.

January 5, 6 and 7 have been fixed for the Conference at which a demand is expected to be made for better provision of accommodation and other conveniences without addition to the fares.

Dr Khare will on January 4 meet representatives of Indian Commercial and other bodies who have been pressing for steps to facilitate re-habilitation of Indians and to safeguard their rights and interests in Burma when it is re-taken.

C. R. To Deliver Osmania 'Varsity Convocation Address

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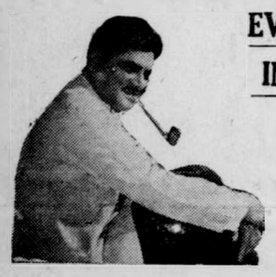

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The late Mr. H. B. Gandhi, professor of Ardhamagadhi in St. Xavier's College, who passed away recently. He wrote several books on Ardhamagadhi grammar and literature, seven of which have already been published and others are awaiting publication. In his death Jain scholarship has suffered a serious loss.

CITY AND SUBURBS

TO-DAY

Hindu: Magsar Vad 13, 2000
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Sunrise: 8-11 a.m. Sunset 7-7 p.m.
Hightide: 10-06, 23-20, Lowtide: 4-21, 16-24.

To-day's Engagements

President Roosevelt's Christmas Broadcast

To-day (Saturday) at 7 p.m. the B. B. C. will broadcast President Roosevelt's Christmas message

CHURCH SERVICE: Special Christmas Service and Holy Kurbana according to the Mar Thoma Syrian rites at the Holy Redeemer Church, Dadar (G. I. P.) at 10 a.m.

MALABAR CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION: Annual social gathering of the Malabar Christian Association will be held at the Don Bosco High School, Matunga on Sunday at 3-30 p.m. The programme includes whist-drive, social and variety entertainment.

THANA CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION: Twelfth Annual Xmas Tree and Sports in St. John the Baptist School Grounds at 4 p.m. on Christmas day. Rev Fr. P E Fernandez, Diocesan Inspector of Schools presiding

B. P. POSTAL & R. M. S.: Conference at Marwari Vidyalaya Hall, Sandhurst Road, at 4 p.m Mr. V. G Dalvi will preside

NATIONAL WAR FRONT: Meeting at Khar Road at 5-30 p.m Professor V. G. Rao and Mr. B. R. Kadrekar will speak.

SWAMI SHRADDHANAND BALIDANOTSAV: Under the auspices of the Fort Arya Samaj "Swami Shraddhanand Balidanotsav" will be celebrated at Seth Damodar Anandji Ground, Bora Bazar, under the presidentship of Seth Mansinhji Ratnakar at 4-30 p.m. There will be "Bhajanopadesh" by Kunvar Jorawar Singh and Snataki Prabhavati Devi of Baroda and lectures by learned Pandits.

KOKAN PASSENGERS' RELIEF COMMITTEE: The Kokan Passengers' Relief Committee's meeting at 4-30 p.m. (N.S.T.) at Dr. V N Rege's residence

SCOUTERS' TRAINING CAMP: The Preliminary Camp for training scouters, both men and women will commence tomorrow morning on the grounds of Adarsh Dugdhalaya Marva Road, Malad and last till 2nd January, 1944. Particulars can be had from the Hindustan Scout Association, Western India House, Sir P. Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay No. 1.

MOGAVEERA YUVAKA SANGH: Opening of Karnataka Reading Room and Library at the K R Cama Oriental Institute Hall, Apollo Street, Opp. R I N Dock Yard Fort, at 2-30 p.m. (N S T) by Dr. S R. Savur, Director, Colaba Observatory.

RAMAKRISHNA-VIVEKANANDA CENTRE: Swami Sambuddhananda's weekly class on 'Muncak Upanishad' at 5-30 p.m. at the Centre premises, 64, Portuguese Church Street, Dadar B B and C. I. Rly

R. M. BHATT HIGH SCHOOL: Dr. Sir Chimanlal H. Setalvad will preside over Silver Jubilee meeting at 5-30 p.m., in Setalvad Hall of the School.

JINNAH'S BIRTHDAY: Public meeting of the Musaimans to celebrate the birth-day ceremony of Qaid-e-Azam Mr. Mohamad Ali Jinnah at 4 p.m. at the office of the E. Ward District Muslim League at New Nagpada, Bombay.

SPIRITUALIST DEVELOPING CLASS: Under the auspices of the All-India-Spiritualist Research Society, Developing Class will be held at Medows House, Medows Street, Fort, at 5 p.m. (N.S.T.)

LATE DR. NANAVATI: Dr. Balabhai Maganlal Nanavati, physician to the late Maharaja of Baroda and father of Sir Manilal Nanavati ex-Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India, breathed his last at 'Lila' Juhu, after a brief illness on Friday.

Elocution Competition At B. J. Home

The First Bombay Province Intercertified Schools Elocution Competition was held in the Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Home, Matunga, under the Presidentship of Mr. A. K. Khan the Inspector of Certified Schools, Bombay Province, Poona.

Baburao Pendharkar and Leela Desai in 'Nagad Narayan' at Novelty.

Three New Films For Christmas

BY T. V. P.

Three new pictures were released on Thursday, 'Bhaktaraj' at Lamington, 'Nagad Narayan' at Novelty and 'Kisise Na Kahena' at Taj a new first runner at Grant Road Corner

I was unable to see the last one, but the report is that Leela Chitnis and Pahari Sanyal with the support of Shahzadi, Sumitra and Shivdasani have managed to produce a good picture, which is directed by Krishna Gopal and is based on the story written by the heroine herself.

Of the other two 'Bhaktaraj' will doubtless catch the imagination of the masses as it abounds in 'bhajans' sung by Pagnis and is full of miracles

Pagnis and Kaushalya in 'Bhaktaraj' at Lamington.

and camera tricks, which were very enthusiastically applauded. Vasanti, Kaushalya and Mubarak have put in performances in keeping with their respective reputations.

'Nagad Narayan' produced by Baburao Pendharkar and directed by Bedekar, based on his own story is a type of picture that must be described as new. It has a humorous and satirical vein that must appeal to cultivated taste. Once again it is a love story but the way it develops and starts is altogether new. The picture is topical in that it refers to the conquest of Burma by the Japanese and cornering of Kerosene by merchants and their agents, to the misery of the average people. Baburao Pendharkar, Leela Desai and Kusum Deshpande have put in very good performances.

Leela Chitnis and Pahari Sanyal in 'Kisise Na Kahena' at Taj.

'TAQDEER' NEXT FRIDAY

Mehboob's 'Taqdeer' is fixed to be released at Roxy next Friday, wherefrom 'Kismet' will be withdrawn after about a year's run. Mehboob's 'Najma' has become extremely popular at Minerva and 'Taqdeer' may be expected to do likewise at Roxy. In this film he is introducing a new star, Nargis opposite Motilal, Chandra Mohan and Charlie are also there. The story is by Agha Jani Kashmiri and music by Rafique Ghaznavi.

'POONJI' KEEPS ITS PACE

One of the outstanding films of the season is Pancholi's 'Poonji' at Central. With four glamour girls in the cast, plenty of lively songs and an exciting story, 'Poonji' found an enthusiastic audience at its premiere. Week after week, the reputation of the picture has been spreading, so Central continues to have steady houses which bid fair to carry the picture to a jubilee.

'Maskarahat' starring Motilal and Vanmila at Capitol and 'Wapas' starring Bharati and Ashit Baran at Krishna are among the popular pictures released recently. 'Vidur' at Majestic is drawing good audiences.

Among the old-timers 'Tansen' at Opera House is a very notable success of the Ranjit Film Company. 'Ramrajya' at Super and 'Shakuntala' at Swastik have maintained steady popularity every week and so 'Hamari Baat' at Imperial. 'Sharafat' at Kamal is a remarkable success. 'Prithvi Vallabh' at West End is still a draw, though the popular interest seems to have slightly flagged. 'Ishara' at Chitra is a very popular revival.

TRIBUTES TO AUNDHKAR

Prakash Pictures observed the first anniversary of the demise of their literary adviser, Mr. Vishnupant Aundhkar on Wednesday last. Mr. Shankerbhai Bhatt, Proprietor of Prakash Pictures occupied the chair.

Mr. Shankerbhai then unveiled the oil portrait of Mr. Aundhkar. Mr. Vijay Bhatt was unable to attend owing to illness, but he sent a garland as a tribute to Mr. Aundhkar's memory.

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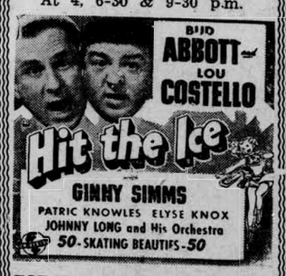

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 24.

The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 8 hours on 20-12-43:—

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A Swaraj Government means a Government established by the free joint will of Hindus, Mussalmans and others.

—MAHATMA GANDHI.

The Bombay Chronicle

MERGER SCHEME

The Special Bench of the Court of Judicial Commissioner at Ajmere has declared illegal the Crown Representative's notification attaching small States in Kathiawar to bigger States. One result of the judgment is that all States of third and fourth class jurisdiction have resolved to reject the Instrument of Attachment. The issue involved in the notification of attachment was no small one as the notification affected an area of over 7,000 square miles with a population of over 8 lakhs and an annual revenue of Rs. 70 lakhs. The principle of merging the smaller States into larger ones is an unexceptionable one. But the method adopted by the Crown Representative to implement it was not unobjectionable. The merits of the scheme of merger are discussed in a booklet entitled "Paramountcy and Indian States" just published as part of the "Topical Series" of Nagpur. The writer is quite conscious of the booklet being a sort of special plea for the small States and Talukas. It is true that the scheme of attachment promulgated by Lord Linlithgow has created great disappointment and discontent amongst the Jagirdars and Thakurs who are practically wiped out as States from the map of India. One would have expected that the writer of the booklet would urge that the scheme of attachment was invalid because the subjects of the several units concerned had not been consulted in spite of the professions that democracy and self-determination are the watchwords of the Allies in the present war. Yet, strangely enough, the writer complains bitterly against the concern the Crown Representative has shown for the subjects and declared as the object of the scheme the "firm establishment of condition in which the areas concerned will secure and enjoy full opportunity for progress and development".

Although we do not support the small States and Talukas in their demand for maintaining the *status quo* we cannot but agree with the writer that the method adopted by the Political Department is queer and unprecedented in the history of Indian States. If the administrative reforms were found to be an urgent need, and they are a very urgent need indeed, was it out of the bounds of practical politics to have conferred with and consulted the leaders of the States subjects as well as the Talukdars concerned? Many of the Talukdars and their subjects are firmly of opinion, we understand, that in these days of easy and swift communications of various kinds, a confederacy of these small Talukas could easily be evolved, securing full administrative efficiency. Mr. Shattock, who was deputed by the Government of India in 1938-39, it is said, gave these Talukdars to understand that the idea of confederacy was ruled out, and that they should select a State with which they might amalgamate. Mr. Shattock, however, did not consult public opinion nor did he invite any constructive proposals from the Talukas. He made a report based on such information as was gathered by him from the Residency and some of the interested States. This report has remained a close secret. Neither the attached units nor the attaching States have seen it and it is on the basis of such a document that the Crown Representative formulated his scheme, which was bound to create and has created much dissatisfaction both amongst the people and the Talukdars concerned. Thus the autocratic small Taluks have been attached to bigger autocratic States by the autocratic Department of the Government of India in an autocratic manner. The ways of the Political Department are, as the writer says, inscrutable and objectionable. Had the Crown Representative appointed a Committee consisting of some Talukdars, some leading persons from amongst the subjects and some officers of the Political Department to formulate a Reform Scheme of these Talukas, so as to form a group for co-operative and combined services with administrative efficiency, it would have devised a more satisfactory solution acceptable to all parties.

Besides the scheme as it stands is retrograde rather than progressive. All the bigger States, except, to some extent, Baroda, are run on the lines of autocratic rule. If healthy progress and better development were to be secured, was it not absolutely necessary to ask the Attaching States to be responsible to the people over whom they rule? There should be a rule of law. But in these attaching States, any Executive order passed by the Darbar is sacred and so cannot be questioned by the Courts. Although these attaching States have large incomes their educational facilities are very poor. As regards college education only Junagadh and Bhavnagar can boast of an arts college while Nawanagar, which has got the largest area attached to it and is making nearly 30 to 40 lacs a year from customs dues at Bedi Port alone, has not yet founded an arts college. In the whole of Kathiawar there is no college for training medical students nor any commerce or engineering college. Though the mainstay of the States is agriculture, there is no college for imparting education in that industry. Such is the unenviable and pitiable condition of Kathiawar people and much of the youthful energy and intelligence, which is national asset, is wasted every year for lack of opportunity. Can it be maintained that the Crown Representative was not aware of this deplorable state of affairs in Kahiawar? Is it not surprising that he made these bigger States Attaching States and thus enlarged the area of their autocratic rule?

Alike After All?

Commenting on the continued incarceration of Mrs. Gandhi, Prof. P. A. Wadia, President of the Freedom Group, says that the contrast of such treatment to that given to Sir Oswald Mosley, an avowed Fascist, "is so glaring that it must open the eyes of every fair-minded person the world over as to where Britain is drifting." That is quite true but so far the contrast does not seem to have opened the eyes of Lord Wavell, who has special responsibility in the matter. Defending the release of Sir Oswald, Mr. Herbert Morrison said in the Commons that "when there was a possibility of death he would have been guilty of a shameful abuse of the powers of Regulation 18B." That the case of Mrs. Gandhi is at least as serious is admitted by Government communiques, and it is for Lord Wavell to judge what is shameful and what is not in this case. If by any chance she has been offered release but has preferred to stay with Gandhiji, the public must be so informed. The Government of India have just issued a press note which says that, as her release "will involve separating her from her husband during her illness and since she can receive, and is receiving, every possible medical care and attention where she is and is not debarred from seeing her near relatives, Government have decided that there would be no kindness either to her or to her family in removing her from the Aga Khan's palace." We concede that she is receiving good medical attention and that there is some humanity in permitting at least near relatives to see her. But the main point is that, if Government are prepared to show her utmost kindness, she and not they ought to be the judge as to whether release will not be more helpful to her. The press note makes it fairly clear that so far she has not been offered release.

It appears Prof. Wadia was one of those who placed high hopes on Lord Wavell but he is already disillusioned and says: "From the continued detention of Pujya Kasturba in spite of her serious illness and other factors such as the avowed no-change policy of Lord Wavell, in political matters, it is apparent that there is nothing to choose between Lord Linlithgow and his successor." Lord Wavell has been Viceroy for two months not to mention his longer earlier knowledge of India. If he has not yet understood the political problems of the country or thinks they are less important or urgent either explanation does little credit to him. Some say that Lord Wavell is not only himself tabooing politics but is also studiously attempting to divert public attention from it by appointing a number of committees or convening conferences. Our Delhi correspondent expects the early appointment of an Industrial Commission which will visit Britain and U. S. A. The Commission's report may suffer the same fate as that of the Industrial Commission appointed during the last war. But we welcome the Commission all the same. No such Commissions, however, will justify the neglect of the most urgent political problem, the ending of the present deadlock.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

In Yugoslavia

In the absence of any information as to the nature as well as extent of the help which is being rendered by the Allies to the Yugoslav forces under Marshal Tito it is difficult to forecast with any confidence the outcome of the trial of strength that is proceeding between these forces and the Germans. The report that the Fuehrer has decided that the Balkans should be cleared of all obstructionist elements in view of the serious Allied threat to open a new front from the south may be credited, since he cannot afford to ignore the possibility of the ranks of the Yugoslav guerillas swelling to unmanageable proportions and joining hands with Allied forces that are poised for attack from that quarter and proving a serious threat to the hegemony he has established in the neighbouring territories. Apparently formidable German forces have already been sent or are being despatched to put down the forces under Marshal Tito. But the outcome of the struggle will depend entirely on the time-table which the Cairo and Moscow conferences have drawn up for the projected Allied offensive from the south. Will that time-table be upset by the Fuehrer by forcing the pace in Yugoslavia and smashing Tito's followers before the Allied help comes to them? The Allies have, of course, mustered vast forces in the East and South to strike at the enemy at a given hour, but will that hour come before the enemy takes the initiative? One can only wait and see.

Colour Mania

When the Mayor of Buksburg in South Africa stated at a meeting of the Town Council: "I am not prepared to sit here with the Indian and the coloured people and I don't think any of my colleagues here would do it either," he betrayed not only the colour mania that is so rampant in his country, but also the fear that the Indians' franchise would gradually lead to more and more civic and political power. The fact that the resolution expressing this attitude was adopted unanimously by the Council shows there will be stout opposition to the suggestion of the Minister of the Interior, of granting municipal franchise to Indians with property and educational qualifications. It behoves the Indian residents and the indigenous population to put up united fight for their civic rights.

Ratnagiri Food Supply

To judge from the correspondence that has passed recently between the Ratnagiri District and Sawantwadi State Food Relief Committee and the District Magistrate and Controller of Prices of Ratnagiri, it would appear that the latter is not sufficiently alive to the gravity of the situation as regards the deficiencies in the stocks of food grains in the district. The district is a definitely deficit district as regards foodgrains and required, as pointed out by the Committee, in prewar years to import over a lakh tons of rice and other foodgrains annually to meet the needs of its population of over thirteen and a half lakhs, the district itself producing hardly a lakh tons of foodgrains of all kinds. This year the "anewari" crops are reported to have failed to the extent of over 50 per cent, thus increasing the difficulties of the people. The demand, therefore, of the people of the district that the Government should arrange for the supply of at least a lakh of tons of foodgrains to the district is entirely reasonable. But, the District Magistrate had bluntly denied that the normal yield of paddy in the district was 10 maunds per acre. The Committee, however, effectively exposed his ignorance by referring him to the statistics furnished by official reports. He also questioned the correctness of the figures of annual imports, but the Committee quoted detailed figures of imports in recent years which conclusively proved the truth of its statements. The off-hand remark of the Magistrate that a considerable portion of the imports were being sent out of the district, and that, therefore, the requirements of the district were not so high as made out by the Committee is shown to be baseless, since official reports themselves have noted that there is very little export of foodgrains from the district.

Just Demand

Such being the real condition of things in the district, the people of the district are justified in their expectation that the Government would not be misled by officials on the spot into underestimating the food requirements of the district and that arrangements would be made to supply adequate quantities of rice and other needed foodgrains to the people. The Food Relief Committee has also represented to the authorities that when there is admitted serious scarcity of foodgrains in the district, the recent Government order, issued under the Defence of India Rules, for compulsory acquisition of 15 per cent of the total yield from agricultural lands should not be applied to the district. This demand is quite just and it is to be hoped that such acquisition will not be enforced in the district since it will entail great sufferings on the agriculturists, 90 per cent of whom pay land assessment of either Rs. 5 or less. In the case of such petty landholders there can be little question of surplus over and above their family requirements. It is to be hoped that the representations of the people of the district in this and other respects would be given due weight by Government and that their grievances will be speedily redressed.

Free Supply Of Tinned Milk

We cordially welcome the decision of the Bombay Government to supply free of charge nearly 2,700 lbs of milk powder (klim) and about 150 lbs. of condensed milk for the use of children through Labour welfare centres. Milk powder and condensed milk are not quite as good as fresh milk, but when the latter is so frightfully costly, as it is now, the substitutes in question are most serviceable. It is stated that the present supply will be sufficient for three months. So it will be only if the distribution is rigorously restricted. In any case, we should like to know what arrangements are contemplated to continue the present arrangement after the expiry of three months.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY BY CONGRESSMEN

U. P. M. L. A. And 21 Others Committed To Sessions

GORAKHPUR, Dec. 24

Mr. Dwarkanath Misra, Additional District Magistrate, Gorakhpur, has committed Mr. Shibbanlal Saksena, M.L.A., and member of the All-India Congress Committee and 21 other Congressmen of Gorakhpur and Basti districts to the court of sessions to stand their trial under Sections 395, 435 and 436 I.P.C. and D.I.R. 35, 38 and 121 read with Sec. 5 of the Defence of India Act. The Magistrate discharged Mr. Ram Narain Singh against whom he did not find strong evidence connecting him with the conspiracy.

In the course of his judgment, the Magistrate observed: "*The prosecution discloses a well-planned and organised conspiracy on the part of Congressmen and reveals the agency that was responsible for the commission of the regrettable acts of sabotage during the months of August and subsequent months last year committed almost simultaneously in different parts of the country to disorganise the machinery of the Government.*"—A. P.

JAIL DELIVERY IN BARODA

(From Our Correspondent)
BARODA, Dec. 24.

His Highness the Maharaja of Baroda has ordered the release of 180 political prisoners, detained and convicted for various ocfences during the last disturbances.

The Baroda Raj Praja Mandal thanks the Dewan and the Maharaja for their gesture to public sentiments.

Ban On Hindu University U. T. C. Lifted

(From Our Correspondent)
ALLAHABAD, Dec. 24

It is understood the Central Government has now given permission for training of University Training Corps in Benares Hindu University.

It will be recalled that after 1942 August disturbances, Government allowed the University to resume its work on the condition that training of the University Training Corps be stopped.

BAN ON TRICOLOUR

Following the action taken by the Police authorities in removing the Congress flag from the Swadeshi Exhibition, Allahabad, some time ago, Government, it is reported, has forbidden flying of the Congress flag in the Swadeshi Exhibition, Benares, also.

HAULED UP FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 24.

Notices for contempt of court have been issued by Mr. Justice Allsop and Mr. Justice Mulla of the Allahabad High Court to Mr. Kesari Narayan Jaitley and two of his lawyers of Allahabad and Benares.

The application was moved by Mr M. G. Kadir praying the High Court to issue the said notice as the respondents had filed an application in the court of the Munsif of Allahabad in respect of a suit pending between him and Mr. Jaitley, the contents of which amounted to contempt of court.

Mr. Kadir also submitted that the advocates were guilty of professional misconduct to have signed the application, and having filed the same in the court.

Their Lordships also issued two notices on these two lawyers asking them to show cause why they should not be prosecuted for professional misconduct.—United Press.

DETENU RELEASED

PATNA, Dec. 24: Mr. Chatterjee and Mr. Meredith Judges of the Patna High Court, set at liberty one Mr. Narsingh Rai of Bhagalpur who was remanded by the order of the Sub-Divisional Officer of Bhagalpur after arrest under Rule 129 of the Defence of India Rules. Mr. Narsingh was implicated in two disturbance cases but was acquitted. Subsequently he was arrested in connection with a third case and ordered to be released on bail. It was submitted that the petitioner was not actually released though the bail was furnished.

Their Lordships adjourned the matter, pending production of an order of detention of Mr. Narsingh from the Provincial Government and failing such an order they ordered the detenu's release.—United Press.

BAN ON STUDENTS' CONFERENCE

MADRAS, Dec. 24: The Secretary, District National Students' Conference, East Godavari, says the District Magistrate, East Godavari, has prohibited the holding of the Conference announced to take place at Razole on December 25.—A.P

19 DETENUS RELEASED

MADRAS, Dec. 24.

A batch of 19 Congress detenus including Mr. K. Koti Reddi, M.L.A., was released recently from the Tanjore Special Jail.—United Press

RELEASE CONGRESS LEADERS

Eire High Commissioner's Plea At Reception By Indian Students

(From A Special Correspondent.)
LONDON, Dec. 24.

The opinion that Mahatma Gandhi and other leaders of the Congress ought to be released for the establishment of a National Government in India was expressed by Mr. W. J. Daulanty, High Commissioner of Eire, speaking at a reception organised by the London Majlis of the Federation of Indian Students' Societies in Great Britain and Eire to-day where a large number of Indian and Irish people attended.

Mr. Daulanty was the guest of honour to whom the following message from Indian students and youth to the people of Eire was presented:

"In the name of young India we convey to the people of Eire our warm sense of appreciation of the magnanimous gift of a hundred thousand pounds made by the Government of Eire for the aid of victims of famine in India. When our people were plunged in sorrow and suffering and dying of starvation this contribution inspired by goodwill and fellow-feeling comes as a deep solace to us all. The numerous cultural and spiritual bonds which have brought our two nations together will only be strengthened by generous and practical solicitude shown towards us by the people of Eire in our need. May this solidarity between our two peoples symbolise our faith in a world of collaboration and fraternity; and long live the friendship between the peoples of India and Eire."

Replying to the message which was especially printed on red silk from India and presented by Miss Handoo, High Commissioner Daulanty said that he had association with Indian students years ago in Manchester. He declared that poor though the Eire gift was, the gesture was out of deep human sympathy. He further stated that he believed that Gandhiji and other Congress leaders ought to be released for the establishment of a National Government in India.

The happy function ended after songs and 'Vande Mataram'.

HEAVY SENTENCES IN B. C. K. BURNING CASE

(From Our Correspondent.)
ETAWAH, Dec. 18.

Mr. Shiv Baran Singh, Additional Sessions Judge Etawah, pronounced judgment in the well-known Basrehar Canal Kothi Burning case, in which eight accused stood charged under rule 35 (4) D. I. R. and Secs. 147 and 436 read with Sec. 149 I. P. C.

Jagdish Singh, Puttu Singh, Rangi Lal, Suraj Prasad, Budhu Rai and Nawab Singn are sentenced to 7 years' R. I and fines of Rs 100 each. Munshi Singh is sentenced to 3 years' R. I. and a fine of Rs. 50 in various sections. Ten stripes are awarded to Putta Singh and Jagdish Singh each. Soney Lal is acquitted.

WANTED MEN ARRESTED

Th. Arjun Singh and his two companions who were wanted in number of sabotage cases have been arrested by the Gwalior Police. It is reported that one of the Government guns taken away from Government Forest Chauki Etawah is also found. Quite a number of people from this district have identified them in the State Jail.

BONERJEE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24.

Arrangements are in progress to celebrate the centenary of the late W. C. Bonerjee, the first President of the Indian National Congress. A representative committee with Dr. Syamaprasad Mookherjee as president and Mr. Kalidas Nag as Secretary has been formed to take necessary steps.

The celebration which will extend over a year will commence on December 29. The programme includes the preparation of a commemoration volume, the founding of a lectureship at the Calcutta University and presentation of a life-size portrait.—United Press.

Dr. Khare On Indian Deadlock

LAHORE, Dec. 23.

Dr. N. B. Khare, Member Overseas, Government of India, arrived in Lahore this morning.

Asked if there was any possibility of ending the deadlock Dr. Khare said that at present there was no meeting ground among the various political parties in the country on the one hand and the Government and the political parties on the other.—A.P.

Prof. Wadia Draws Contrast Of Treatment Meted Out To Kasturba And Mosley

Prof. P. A. Wadia, the President of the Freedom Group, has issued the following statement:—

The whole country views with grief the serious state of health of Pujya Kasturba. This grief passes into anguish when it finds that in spite of the admission of the Government that her health causes anxiety, the Government does not see its way to release her unconditionally.

The contrast of the treatment meted out to Sir Oswald Mosley, an avowed Fascist and that to Pujya Kasturba is so glaring that it must open the eyes of every fair-minded person the world over as to where Britain is drifting.

The power of self-deception is great, especially when helped by modern instruments of propaganda, like the radio and the press. Some of us were induced to place high hopes on Lord Wavell when he assumed the Viceroyalty, but from the continued detention of Pujya Kasturba in spite of her serious illness and other factors such as the avowed no-change policy of Lord Wavell, in political matters, it is apparent that there is nothing to choose between Lord Linlithgow and his successor.

Although we know that it is a voice in the wilderness, may be appeal to Lord Wavell, forthwith and unconditionally to release Pujya Kasturba?

"Jinnah Faces An Assassin"

Thacker and Company have just issued in their Rampart Library another volume "Jinnah Faces an Assassin." The book is written by "A Barrister-at-law" and gives a connected account of the recent attempt on the life of Mr. Jinnah and the trial of the accused. A feature of the book is an interesting chapter depicting the life of Mr. Jinnah which is described as a result of intimate knowledge of his personal and political activities. The book is priced at Re. 1/8 and is well worth reading.

BONUS AND DEARNESS ALLOWANCE

All-India Millowners' Draft For Submission To Govt.

(From Our Correspondent)
AHMEDABAD, Dec. 24.

It is reliably understood that the Bombay Conference of All-India Millowners has prepared a draft of joint demands to be put before the Government of India regarding capital commission, bonus and dearness allowance, etc., and coal shortage according to one prominent millowner. Many night shifts in Ahmedabad are likely to be closed within a fortnight, if coal is not available. Owing to coal shortage the City's washing companies are likely to be closed in the next few days. A deputation waited on the Collector in this connection.

An Appeal To Cutchis

Mr. Narbheram N. Popat Joint Hon. Secretary Cutchi Prajakiya Parishad writes:—

The scourge of malaria and other diseases has spread far and wide in Cutch and thousands of people are terribly suffering. In some instances, the entire families with all their inmates are laid in bed as victims of acute malaria. As days pass on, the situation is getting intensely worse. The want of adequate stocks of quinine, injections and other medicines and exorbitant prices demanded for available stocks have conspired to make the position of middle-class and poor people hopelessly helpless.

With a view to meet such a menacing situation, the Working Committee of Shri Cutchi Prajakiya Parishad decided in its meeting of the 20th instant to organise relief work to provide free medicines and other necessaries and started a fund to finance it. The well-known Grain Merchants' Association has subscribed Rs. 500 and M/s Narsi Muljl & Co. Rs. 500 and Seth Devchand Dharamsi Sethia Rs. 251.

Relief work will begin first in Bhuj and its outlying villages where the havoc of malaria is most intense at present. The workers of Parishad in Cutch have decided to concentrate all their energies on this relief work and they naturally expect magnificent response of Cutchi people in Bombay and other places of India. In the name of Parishad and its President Sjt. Yusuf Meherally I request all the Cutchis to send in their generous subscriptions for help in this humanitarian work.

The workers of the Cutchi Students' Union will approach Cutchi people in the city and suburbs for subscriptions on 25th and 26th instants. It is my hope that all Cutchis will give all the help they can.

Subscriptions may be sent to:

(1) The Treasurer, Sheth Devji Ratansey c/o Seth Hirji Govindji & Co., Baroda Street, Dana Bunder, Bombay 9.

(2) The Secretary: Sjt. Narbheram Narsi Popat c/o Room No. 8, Gaya Building, Masjid Bunder Road, Bombay 3.

The Way Out

Rajaji, as the author is popularly known, in his pamphlet "The Way Out", has made out an irrefutable case in favour of acceptance of the Cripps' offer by those who are free and have the courage to take the action suggested. To me it seems that he should have gone further and said that this is "The Only Way Out". The leaders of the 'open rebellion' of August 1942 are behind the prison bars and as prestige ridden as the Government they accuse of this sin. They will not acknowledge their blunder and call of the movement. On the other hand, Government will not, perhaps cannot, release them to launch, as free men, a movement which, as many Congressmen still assert was never started. The only way to undo the mischief created by the ill-fated decision to resign power and position is to assume it again. This can be done only by acceptance of the Cripps' offer which we have been assured still stands. This will, of course, be a double challenge—a challenge to British Imperialism (what is still left of it) and a challenge to the Congress. It will be a challenge to Britishers in so far as they will be asked to implement their oft-repeated offer. It will be a challenge to the Congress leaders, when they come out from behind prison bars to return to their post of duty or to create another deadlock more reckless than ever. But double or treble whatever type of challenge it may be the gauntlet will have to be thrown if India is not to lose in a most irresponsible manner for the third time the PRECIOUS RIGHT OF SHAPING HER DESTINY.

What will thinking India do? Will it respond to Rajaji's clarion call to duty?

SEEKER OF WAY OUT.

Defence Of India Rules

Emergent times necessitate promulgation of Ordinances. But cardinal principles of Criminal Jurisprudence require that no person should be detained without informing him of the grounds of detention and giving him or her liberty of consulting his legal adviser to consider his or her line of presenting the case. Detenus are not entitled accoding to law as it stands to demand an open trial hence they have no other remedy of countering the charges levelled against them except by way of tendering explanation. Sir Reginald Maxwell, the Home Member agreeing to the principle propounded in Pandit Kunzru's resolution as to the right of a detenu to know the reasons of his detention and to offer explanation regarding those reasons is a useful concession. The Home-Member does not object to the principle of a Judicial Committee analogus to the advisory committee of United Kingdom, but doubts the utility of such committees. The existence of such a reviewing committee would certainly go a great way in dissipating suspicion in certain cases of unduly long detention. One does not see any reason why such advisory reviewing committee should not be brought into being when it is to approach the consideration of the cases from the point of view of the executive.

SARABHAI DALAL

Kapol Master Of Surgery

Under the auspices of past and present students of Seth V. M. Kapol Boarding school a meeting was held at Madhavbaug on Sunday last under the presidentship of Seth Dwarkadas Tribhovandas to felicitate Dr. Chimanlal S. Worah who passed his M.S. in last November.

Dr. Jethalal Vora, Dr. Baliga, Seth Manordas Tribhovandas, Khushaldas K. Parekh and others spoke on the brilliant career of Dr. Worah and hoped that he would render services to his community as well as his country and wished him a bright future.

Dr Worah while thanking the hosts expressed his readiness to serve the community and country as a whole.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

To-day several million armed men of all nations will celebrate Christmas day, the anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ, the gentle apostle of truth and non-violence, who said, "Thou Shalt Not Kill"!

* * *

Says a London cable:—

"As an expression of their concern at the deadlock in regard to the supply of controlled food relief to children and others starving in occupied Europe, a number of men and women are to fast from dawn on December 30, until midnight of December 31. They will take only water."

Begad, Sir, Lord Beaverbrook and Mr Churchill both are right. This seditious naked fakir is putting subversive ideas even in the heads of our own people!

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Commenting on the pomp and pageantry of the Muslim League President's procession, Malik Khizr Hayat Khan, the Punjab Premier, said that "It was a great show."

And he never spoke a truer word! Now we await news of another "great show" at Amritsar.

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Defining the geography of Pakistan Mr. Jinnah declared that "Pakistan will include Sind, the Punjab, the North-West Frontier Province and Baluchistan."

Poor Bengal! Left out in the cold to face starvation alone!

Or did Bengal's case suffer by default because Sir Nazimuddin has not yet reached Haroonabad?

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Sind has made a profit of 3 crores by selling wheat to deficit areas.

Every Shylock gets his pound of flesh!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) On the principle of reciprocity an Indian will soon be appointed the Governor-General of Australia.

(2) Meanwhile, the appointment of an Australian to rule over Bengal clearly shows how very concerned the British Cabinet is about the welfare of India.

(3) Mr. Jinnah was given a "Royal" reception in Karachi because he does not believe in democracy.

(4) A special representative of the Hindu Mahasabha watched Mr. Jinnah's procession in Karachi with a view to outdoing it in glory at Amritsar.

(5) From now on the elephant and the camel will be adopted as their respective symbols by the Hindu Mahasabha and the Muslim League.

(6) Bombay Society ladies' next charity drive will be for the relief of starving journalists.

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"You never seem to take an interest in anything I do", sobbed the young bride.

"Don't be unreasonable", remonstrated her husband. "I remained awake all last night wondering what you put in that last cake you made."

RATIONING REGULATIONS AMENDED

The Government of Bombay have amended the City of Bombay Rationing Regulation, 1943, as follows namely:—

For clause 6-A of the said regulation, the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

"6-A. (1) Every holder of a ration card shall, and the head of the household of which such holder is a member may, notify in writing to the officer in charge of the nearest rationing office the absence of such holder from the City of Bombay for more than seven days. The notice shall, if not given in advance, be given within ten days from the date of absence and shall contain the following particulars, namely:—

1. (a) Serial No. of ration card; (b) Serial No. of supplementary ration card, if any; (c) Serial No. of supplementary ration card for sugar, if any; (d) Serial No. of ration card for sugar, if any. 2. Name and address of the head of the household. 3. Full name and age of the holder. 4. Date on which departure took place and period of expected absence. 5. Name or authorisation number of distributor or store number of Government Grain Shop with whom the card or cards are registered:

Provided that in lieu of giving such notice the holder or the head of the household may deposit the ration card or cards of the holder before his departure with the Officer in charge of the nearest rationing office or of any post specially appointed by the Controller of Rationing in this behalf and obtain a receipt therefor. If the holder returns to the City of Bombay within eight weeks from the date of his absence, the ration card or cards so deposited shall be returned to him on production of the receipt before the Rationing Officer of the municipal ward in which he resides.

(2) In the case of the absence of the holder of a ration card from the City of Bombay for more than eight weeks, the holder shall, and the head of the household of which such holder is a member may, surrender within nine weeks from the date of his absence to the Rationing Officer of the municipal ward in which he last resided—

(a) if a notice as required by sub-clause (1) has been given, the ration card or cards of such holder, or

(b) if the ration card or cards have been deposited under the proviso to sub-clause (1), the receipt therefor.

And thereupon the ration card or cards shall be cancelled.

(3) In the case of death of the holder of a ration card the head of the household of which such holder is a member and in the case of death of the head of the household the member managing the household shall, within ten days from the date of death surrender the ration card or cards of such holder or head of household, as the case may be, to the Officer in charge of the nearest rationing office for cancellation.

(4) In the case of the holder of a ration card registered under the provisions of clause 13-B or 13-BB, the provisions of sub-clauses (1) to (3) of clause 14-A of the Bombay Suburban District Rationing Regulation, 1943, shall apply."

Similar amendments have been made in the Bombay Suburban District Rationing Regulation.

Cancelled Ration Coupons

The Government of Bombay have declared that the cancelled coupons bearing serial numbers denoting the 35th and 36th weeks shall be valid during the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth weeks respectively.

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NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK'S PROGRESS

Six New Branches Opened During Past Year

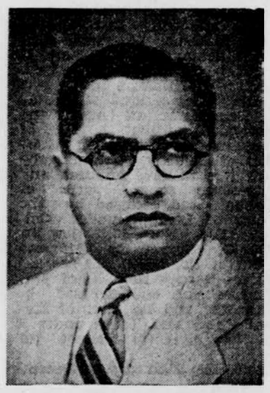
The Second Annual General Meeting of the National Savings Bank, Ltd., was held at the Bank's premises on Friday, the 24th December, 1943 Seth Sankalchand G. Shah, in his speech observed as under:—

"Before I comment on the working of the Bank during the year under report, I should like to

Mr. SANKALCHAND G. SHAH, Chairman.

make a few observations on matters of interest to us as bankers and commercial men. The ramifications of modern warfare embraced almost all human activities. From the very start the monetary and economic apparatus of the country has been controlled and regulated so as to sub-serve the main purpose of prosecuting the war. This control and regulation has embraced the sphere of currency and finance also. The authorities were determined to secure the prevailing conditions of cheap money to help their borrowing programme.

Demand for funds, for trade purposes and industry is continually on the decline. This, combined with the various restrictions imposed by the Government on advances against the security of


Mr. N. C. KHORANA Managing Director.

commodities and bullion had tended to bring an element of uncertainty and has proved a damper on normal development. Government have also, by their policy of controlling capital issues come in the way of promotion of large-scale industries for post-war development.

Coming back to the reports and accounts of the Bank, I am sure you will all view the results with satisfaction. The deposits and advances have increased four-fold during the year. Notwithstanding the fact that a large portion of our resources remained locked up owing to the prevailing financial conditions, the Board has, by combining security with enterprise, endeavoured to utilise their available resources in the most remunerative manner. It is a matter of satisfaction that the net profit for the year has amounted to Rs. 1,01,987-1-9 and we are consequently in a position to declare a dividend of 6% per annum, tax free, on ordinary shares.

Certain amendments in our Memorandum and Articles of Association in the matter of capital structure are being placed before the meeting to-day. It is thought desirable by your Board that it would be in the best interests of both the shareholders of the Bank and its depositors to regulate our capital structure on healthy and orthodox lines."

TWO MORE BRANCHES TO BE OPENED

Mr. N. C. Khorana, Managing Director of the Bank, in his speech said:—

"Six new branches of the Bank were opened during the year and arrangements have been made for opening two more at Bandra and Multan City. The Bank's working funds have since increased to Rs. 2,60,00,000 odd as on 20th December, 1943. Your Bank is making good progress from week to week and from month to month. The fact that our Bank's time liabilities are over 38% of the total liability is a clear indication of the immense faith your constituents have in the working of the Bank All our advances have been made without exception to first-class parties of undisputed business standing and integrity and with full security and sufficient margin. Your Bank would have done much better had it not been for the Government of India's measures discouraging advances against grains, bullion, cotton piecegoods, yarn and other articles.

Fully conscious of the impending depression after the war and the Bank's responsibilities to the depositors, your Directors have employed the funds in safe advances. In order to meet the difficulties that might arise in the wake of deflation and to guarantee security to the depositors, the Bank's assets have been kept in a highly liquid form. You will be pleased to hear that your Bank has just started a combined Savings Insurance Scheme. A scheme of three years' cash certificates will also be put into operation early next year.

SAFE DEPOSIT VAULTS

Your Directors have pleasure to announce that two Safe Deposit Vaults are being installed at Ahmedabad and Bandra with 800 and 250 lockers respectively and in doing so the Bank has placed before the public a very important banking service. In the sub-offices of the Bank in the suburbs, convenient hours of business have been fixed so as to enable the suburban residents to avail themselves of the banking facilities at non-office hours. The main aim and object of this institution is to afford prompt and efficient banking service in all its departments and particularly to encourage and create the habit of savings amongst the public and instructions have been issued to the staff to slacken the rigid formalities to avoid delay and inconvenience to the public.

Owing to the huge amount of current liabilities of about 65% of the total deposits, your Bank has been maintaining more than sufficient cash to meet all emergencies. Trade demand being slack, your Bank's investment in Government securities was essentially heavy. After the war however, trade advances will increase and investment in Government securities will be automatically reduced.

I have great pleasure to inform you that your Directors have approached the Government of India for their consent to issue further capital up to Rs. 26 lacs and hope that necessary consent will be forthcoming at an early date.

I feel that the progress during the last two years should be a matter for great satisfaction and pride to you all, and that your Bank is making history by launching on a new land-mark in its progress by reconstruction and increase of capital on the one hand and further expansion of branches, savings schemes, safe deposit vaults, etc., on the other."

CITY MARKETS

Bombay, Dec. 24.

SHARES: Closing quotations on the last day of the year were as under on Thursday:—

TEXTILE: Ahmed. Advance 496-4, Apollo xd 5-6, Bharat Mills 65-4, Bom. Dyeing 1970, Cent India 461, Century 961, Colaba 245, Dawn 1640, Edward Sassoon 810, Elphinstone 106, Finlay 334-8, Gokak 344, Hindustan xd 3950, Ind. Bleaching 230, Ind. Manfg. xd 4010, Ind. United Ord. 20-7, Ind. United Defd. 4 6-1/4, Indore Malwa 1112-8, Khatau 465, Kohinoor 616, Lakshmi 1705, Madhowji 28-7, Minerva 226-4, Model Nagpur 331-4, Madhusudan 532-8, Meyer Sassoon 238-2, Morarji 740, Mysore 272-8, New City 463-12, New Great 447, Phoenix 706-4, Podar Mills 420, Sassoon Spg. 32-12, Sassoon Silk 101-12, Sholapur 8925, Simplex 282, Svadeshi 600 Swan 314, Tata Mills 77, Shri Nivas 410, Western India xd 3610, Vishnu 2600.

INS.: Bom. Life 225, Empire Life 807-8, Oriental 6160, Ind. Mercantile 90, Indust. and Prudent. 40, Jupiter 30, New India 88, Vulcan 17-8.

HYDRO & ELEC.: Ahmed Elec. 200, Ajmere 14-4 And. Valley 1877-8, Bom. Suburban 200, Bom. Tram Ord. 143, Broach 13-12, Karachi 250, Poona 300, Surat 195, Surat New Rs. 50 Pd. Prem. 70, Tata Hydro Ord. 202, Tata Power 1915.

BANK: Baroda Bank 145, Bank of India 224-8, Central Bank 88-4, Imperial F. P. 1970, Imperial P. P. 495, Reserve Bank 132, Habib Bank 86, Union Bank 10-5.

PREF. SHARES: 7 per cent And. Valley 1730, 6 per cent Bom Steamer 340, 7 per cent Bom. Tram 69, 5 per cent Cent. India 731-4, 6-1/2 per cent Jupiter 20-4, 6-1/2 per cent Surat 193-12, 6-1/4 per cent Prem. Const. 1st 136, 6-1/4 per cent Prem. Const. 2nd 136-4, 6 per cent Tata I. and S. 1st 221-4, 7-1/2 per cent Tata I. and S. 2nd 154-8, 7 per cent Vishnu 785, 7 per cent Tata Hydro 175, 7-1/2 per cent Tata Power 1782-8.

DEBENTURES: 4 per cent And. Valley 106, 4 per cent Tata Chem. 241, 4 per cent Tata Power 108, 6 per cent Marsland Price 121.

RAILWAY: Ahmed. Prantej 852-8, Cent. Prov. 108, Dhond Baramati 118, Guzerat 98, Hoshiarpur Doab 106, Mandra Bhon 106, Mymensing Rebt. 105, Mymensing Gtd. 104, Sara Sirajganj 106, Sialkot Narowal 125, Sialkot New 54, Upper Sind Lt. 116.

MISC. GROUP: Alembic Chem. 350, Alcock Ashdown 573-12, Asso Cement 226, Bom. Burma Old 417-8, Bom. Burma New 142-8, Bom. Steamer 662-8, Belapur 255-8, B. B. Petrol 3 4-1/4, Invest. Trust 62-8, Prem. Const. 233-8, Port Canning 103, Scindia 38, Shivrajpur 78, Tata Chem 31-8, Tata Oil 87-8, Tata Ord. 390, Tata Defd. 1901-4, Radio Ord. 500, Radio Defd. 478, Wimco 325, B. I. C. 6-6, Burma Corp. 3-11, Indian Copper 2 12-1/2, Indian Iron 34-13 Steel Corp. 27-6, New Viet. Ord. 10-15, United Com. Bank 71, Hindust. Com. 60-8, Elphin. Pref. 222-8, Bradbury Ord. 363, Bradbury Pref. 555.

GOVT. SECURITIES: 2-3/4 per cent 1948-52 Loan 99-12, 3-1/2 per cent G. P. Note 97-10, 3 per cent 1946 Def. Loan 102-5, 3 per cent 1949-52 Loan 100-11, 3 per cent 1951-54 Loan 100-2 3 per cent 1953-55 Def 101, 3 per cent 1963-65 Loan 98-8, 3-1/2 per cent 1947-50 Loan 103-6, 4 per cent 1960-70 Loan 112, 4-1/2 per cent 1955-60 Loan 115-8.

DEB. SECURITIES: 4 per cent B. P. T. 1974 113, 4 per cent M. Deb. 1974 113, 5 per cent M. Deb. 1959 121, 6 per cent M. Deb. 1954 130-2, 6 per cent K. P. T. 1956 134.

TAX FREE LOANS: 5 per cent 1945-55 Loan 105-14, 4 per cent 1953-63 Mysore 123, 5 per cent Mysore 1955 135.

The market will be closed for the X-Mas and New Year Holidays from the 24th December to 2nd January 1944, and will reopen on 3rd January, 1944.

BULLION: Yesterday London Gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar Sterling Cross Rate was 4.02-1/2 to 4.03 at London and 4.03 at New York. London Spot and Forward Silver Quotations were unchanged at 23-1/2d. and New York Spot Silver was quoted at 44-3/4 cents. The local market was quietly steady with a moderate turnover. Gold delivery business was done at Rs. 69-8 while Silver delivery business was placed at Rs. 112-0.

The market ruled steady throughout the day with a moderate business and final closing quotations were as under: Ready Silver Rs. 114-10, delivery Rs. 112-10 Ready Gold Rs. 71-6 ddelivery Rs. 69-10 and Sovereigns Rs. 49-4

COTTON: The local Cotton Market opened to-day at Rs. 471-8 for January delivery and improved to Rs. 472 under scattered buying Later on there was moderate realising and prices reacted to Rs. 472. Trading was restricted

There was moderate liquidation and prices declined to Rs. 469 The market finally closed at 2-30 p.m. as under:—

I C C January Rs. 469-4, I C C March Rs. 466-8 I C C May Rs. 468-8.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton Contract January is below New York January 137 cent points at Exchange Rate 331.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Dec. 23.

I C C January high 472, low 467/12, close 470/12, I C C March high 469, low 466, close 466/8, I C C May high 470/8, low 467, close 468/8.

COTTON CROP FORECAST

The Third All-Indi Cotton Forecast estimates for 1943-44 will be issued at 3 p.m. (S. T.) on Wednesday, the 29th December.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York Dec. 23.

January Old 19.52+06, March Old 19.55+05, May Old 19.30+05 July Old 19.08+08 October 18.82+08, December 18.72+06, March highest 19.55+05 (3 p.m.) lowest 19.43—07 (10-25 a.m.), Middling Spot 20.40+06

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York Dec. 23.

January 19.58+01, March 19.70+01, May 19.+05, July 19.24+06 Middling Spot 19.54

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL

New York Dec. 23.

March 19.52, May 19.28 July 19.05.

TIME UP FOR UNSTAMPED CLOTH

Govt. To Seal Up All Unsold Stocks With Dealers

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23.

A Press Note issued on November 23, 1943, pointed out that it would be illegal for any person to be in possession after December 31, 1943 of any quantities (other than the normal cloth requirements of a private individual) of unstamped cloth and yarn., i.e. cloth and yarn manufactured before August 1, 1943 and announced that Government was making arrangements for the disposal after December 31 of such unstamped cloth and yarn.

THE PROCEDURE

The arrangements which have been made are as follows:

Unstamped cloth and yarn found with a dealer after December 31 will be sealed. The dealer will be offered alternatives of letting the matter be decided in a court of law or getting the cloth or yarn stamped with a special distinguishing mark by the Provincial or State authorities for a fee. This stamp will indicate the maximum retail price at which the cloth or yarn may be sold; this will be 10 per cent above the maximum ex-mill price. In addition, the dealer will have to pay as stamping fee a sum equal to 10 per cent of the ex-mill price. The fees thus realised will be used by Provincial and State Government to defray administrative expenses and to finance measures in relief of poor consumers of cloth. —A. P.

National Liberal Federation Of India

The 24th session of National Liberal Federation will be held at J. J. Mody Hall, Apollo Street, Fort, on Wednesday (Dec. 29) at 5 p.m. and on Friday (Dec. 31) at 12 noon.

ALL-INDIA AYURVEDIC CONGRESS, RAJKOT

The 32nd session of All-India Ayurdedic Congress will be held at Rajkot, (Kathiawar) on 28th, 29th and 30th inst. Kaviraj M. K. Mukharji, a scholar of ancient healing science, has been elected as president of the session.

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		18	9- 3-0	0- 8-0
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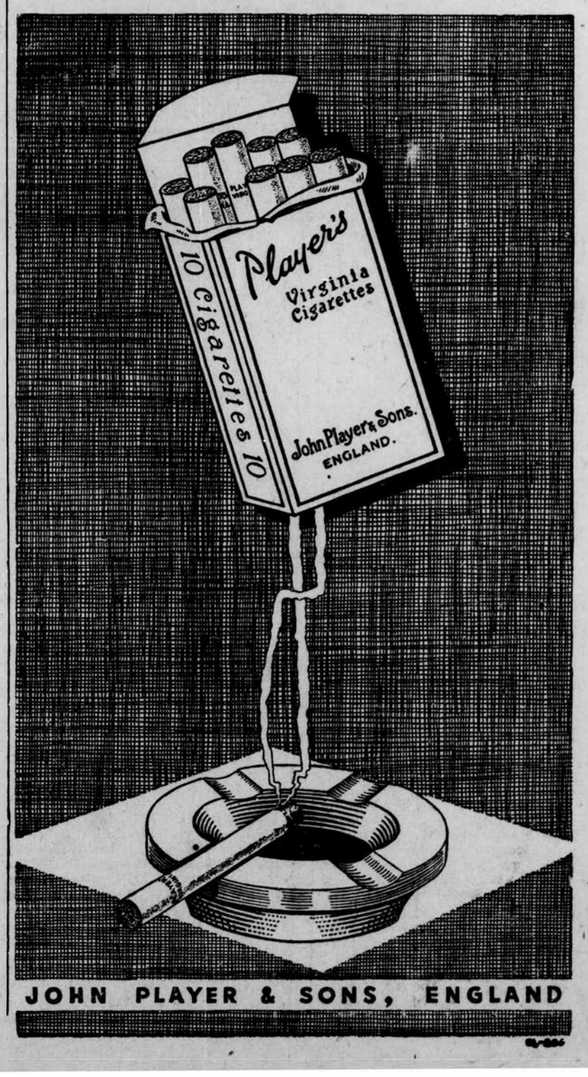

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V. S. KUPPUSWAMY,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons claiming debts or liabilities affecting the estate of the abovenamed deceased, who died at Bombay, on or about 17th June, 1943, and the Probate of whose will with a Codicil thereto having effect throughout the whole of British India, was granted on 1st Dec. 1943, to Ardeshir Manakji Sethana, Framji Pestonji Divecha, and Bejon Nawaroji Kapadia are hereby required to send in their claims to the said executors at the Office of the undersigned their Attorneys at Stock Exchange Building, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, within one calendar month from the date hereof at the expiration of which time the said executors will hand over the assets to the persons entitled thereto having regarded only to the claims of which they shall have notice.

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UNVALA & CO.,
Attorneys for the Executors. (7282)

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O. O. C. J.
Suit No. 1619 of 1936
Bai LAXMIBAI vs. GANGAMMA & Ors.

OFFERS ARE INVITED for the purchase as a going concern and for a lease for one year of the 'Welcome Hindu Restaurant' at Marina Mansion, Chowpatty. The offers should be sent in sealed covers so as to reach the undersigned not later than 10th January, 1944.

Further particulars can be had from the Office of the undersigned or from Messrs. DINKARRAU and PAREKH, Solicitors, Fort Chambers, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay.

B. K. DESAI,
Court Receiver.
H. M. High Court,
Bombay, 17-12-43 7274

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai HALIMABAI, wife of Haji Jusab Noormahomed Noorani and HAJI JUSAB NOORMAHOMED NOORANI have contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned property free from encumorances. All persons having any claim whatsoever against or to the said property are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Sailor Building, 373, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the said date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground of Quit and Ground Rent tenure, containing by admeasurement 170.88 Square Yards or thereabouts registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under New No. 6404, New Survey No. 2737, C.R.R. No. 2194 Cadastral Survey No. 883 of Mandvi Division together with the messuage, tenement or building standing thereon and assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under Ward B (3) No. 1443-1444 Street No. 43 all which premises are situate at Kazi Syed Street in the Registration District and Sub-District and City of Bombay.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 1943.

RAMANLAL & HIMATLAL,
(7271) Purchaser's Attorneys.

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DEVSHANKER MULSHANKER and DAYAKORE, widow of Dayashanker Parmanand present trustees of the Deed of Settlement, dated the 18th day of February, 1918 made by Bai Premkore, widow of Ghellabhai Harishanker, have contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned property:

All that piece of Fazandari land with the buildings thereon situate at Narayan Dhuru Street admeasuring about 112 Sq. Yards bearing Collector's New No. 2817, New Survey No. 2109, Cadastral Survey No. 676 of Mandvi Division and Municipal "B" Ward No. 355 and Street No. 97.

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Dated this 24th day of December, 1943.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that M. J. P. DE ANDRADE, of Bombay Christian Inhabitant has agreed to sell to our client the property hereinafter mentioned.

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SCHEDULE

All that piece of land, situate at Hathi Baug Lane, off Love Lane at Mazagaon, without the Fort of Bombay in the registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement Five hundred and seventy-seven square yards or thereabouts and assessed by the Collector of Bombay under Collector's Old No. 46, New No 7|16230, Old Survey No. 651 and New Survey No. 7|3693 and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 353 of Mazagaon Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under E Ward Nos. 6211 (2). Street No 2-A.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1943.

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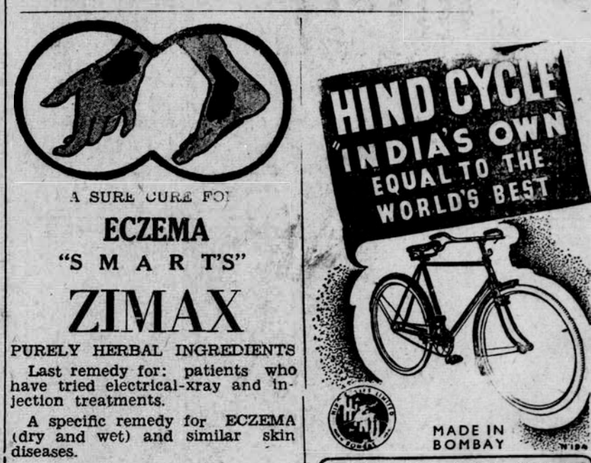

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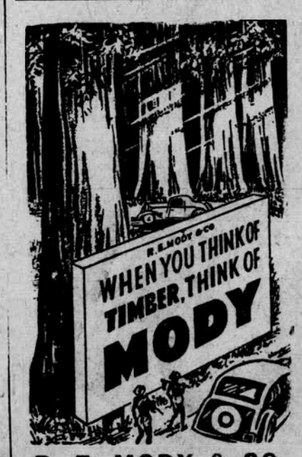

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